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Request for Filing a Continuation Patent Application
Under 37 CFR 1.53(b) and 1.78(a)

This is a request for filing a Continuation application, under 37 CFR 1.53(b) and 1.78(a), of pending prior application:

Serial No.: 09/711,191

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Title: Double Slit Valve Doors for Plasma Processing

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1. Enclosed is a Continuation application, including:
 - (a) Specification and claims (17 pages).
 - (b) Drawings, formal (12 sheets, size A4, Figures 1-14).
2. Enclosed is a copy of the latest executed Inventor's Declaration and Power of Attorney filed in the prior application showing the original signatures dated 9/29/98 and 10/02/98 (5 pages).
3. The inventors in this application are the same as the inventors named in the prior application.

4. The prior application is assigned of record to: Applied Materials, Inc.
as recorded on 10/07/1998, reel 9513, frame 0695.

5. The entire disclosure of the prior application is considered to be part of the disclosure of the present Continuation application and is hereby incorporated by reference into the present application.

6. Address **correspondence** to:

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8. Please enter the enclosed **Preliminary Amendment** before determining the filing fee.

9. Filing Fee Calculation

	Number Filed		Number Extra	Rate per claim	Fee
Total claims	13	-20	= 0	x \$ 18	= \$ 0
Independent claims	3	-3	= 0	x \$ 84	= \$ 0
Basic Filing Fee					\$ 750
Total Filing Fee					\$ 750

10. Enclosed is a check in the amount of **\$750.00** for the total filing fee required under 37 CFR 1.16.

Respectfully submitted,



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